

## LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

## Minutes of October 17, 2000

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2000, Committee Room 1 of the Louisiana State Capitol. Present at this meeting were: Hillary J. Crain, Chairman; Robert M. Fleming, Vice-Chairman; Ralph R. Perlman; Secretary-Treasurer, James Boyer, Gen. Sherian Cadoria, Dennis Kinchen, Dudley Lastrapes, Marcia Morgan and Rupert Richardson. Absent were ex-officio members. Col. Terry Landry and Sec. Cynthia Bridges.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Charles Barham, Executive Director of the Casino Association, stated his contract with the Casino Association was going to expire at the end of the month, and he was not going to be reappointed as Executive Director. He expressed his gratitude to the Board for the working relationship between the industry and regulators during his tenure.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Barham during his association with the casino industry. In addition, all of the Board members stated it had been a pleasure dealing with Mr. Barham and wished him well.

Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19th. That motion was seconded by Gen, Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Chairman called upon Secretary/Treasurer Ralph Perlman to address the Board with reference to the 2001-2002 budget.

Following this discussion, it was moved by Mr. Boyer to approve the 2001-2002 budget. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Jeff Traylor, State Police Gaming Audit Division, presented the revenue reports for the riverboats and the landbased casino. Ms. Donna Stevens, Audit Supervisor in Video Gaming, presented the statistics for video gaming.

The Board acted on a Petition for Approval of Transfer of Interest by Shreveport Paddlewheels, L.L.C. Ms. Evie Ficklin and Ms. Donna Jackson, both with the State Police Riverboat Auditing Division, addressed the Board concerning this request.

Following their presentation, it was moved by Mr. Lastrapes to approve the transfer. That motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Jay Quinlan, Director of the Attorney General's Gaming Division, spoke to board members concerning the Casino Support Services Contract. He stated that the Joint Committee on the Budget had amended the contract. The amendment stated that if the state approved a tax break for Harrah's, the city of New Orleans would have to adjust the Casino Support Services Contract proportionately.

It was moved by Mr. Boyer to approve the contract as amended. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Tom Warner, Asst. Attorney General, to address the Board concerning proposed amendments to Rules LAC 42:XI.2405 (B) 12, Surrender of Licenses, and XI. 2417, Code of Conduct of Licensees.

The Board received comments from Ms. Melinda Fayard and Mr. Brett Sulzer with reference to these rules. Following the discussion, it was moved by Judge Fleming to amend the proposed amendment to rule LAC 42:XI.2405 (B) 12, and to continue with the rule-making process. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

Following discussion of rule LAC 42:XI.2417, it was moved by Mr. Boyer to continue the rule-making process. That motion was seconded by Mr. Perlman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Gen. Cadoria made a motion to go into executive session. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Following the executive session, the Board returned to the regular session.

The Board acted upon proposed settlements/appeals in the following:

- In Re: Fleming Novelty Motion by Ms. Richardson to approve the settlement. That motion
  was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board.
- In Re: Mike Rider Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to accept the consent decree. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.
- In Re: George Sens continued to November.
- 4. In Re: King's Ransom Truckstop Mr. Boyer recused himself. Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision and fine the truckstop \$1,000. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Fleming and the vote tied 4 to 4. Ms. Morgan then proposed a motion to suspend the license for a 10-day period beginning the first day the machines become operable. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.

- In Re: Leann Fergason Motion by Ms. Morgan to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision and deny the renewal. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Fleming and unanimously approved by the Board.
- In Re: Antalisha Eaglin Motion by Ms. Morgan to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision and deny the renewal. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.
- 7. In Re: Walter Shumate Motion by Mr. Lastrapes to dismiss the appeal. That motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and passed by a vote of 7 to 2. Voting for the motion were: Mr. Boyer, Gen. Cadoria, Mr. Kinchen, Mr. Lastrapes, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Richardson and Chairman Crain. Voting against the motion was Vice-Chairman Fleming and Secretary/Treasurer Perlman.
- In Re: Gail Maiden Motion by Mr. Boyer to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision and deny the renewal. That motion was seconded by Gen. Cadoria and unanimously approved by the Board.
- In Re: Opal Smith Motion by Gen. Cadoria to affirm the Hearing Officer's decision and deny the renewal. That motion was seconded by Mr. Kinchen and unanimously approved by the Board.
- 10. In Re: Leslie Bonano Motion by Mr. Richardson to deny the rehearing. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and approved by a 5 to 4 vote. Voting for the motion were: Sec. Perlman, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Lastrapes, Ms. Richardson and Chairman Crain. Voting against the motion were: Vice-Chairman Fleming, Gen. Cadoria, Mr. Kinchen and Ms. Morgan.

Mr. Chris Pickren addressed the board concerning Metro Riverboat.

There being no additional public comments, it was moved by Gen. Cadoria to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mr. Boyer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.